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City Health Department Announces Mosquito Larvicide Application Schedule

MANCHESTER, NH – City officials announced today that they will be applying mosquito larvicide, as needed, to standing bodies of water on city owned property over the next three months. This action is an effort to reduce the mosquito population. Mosquitoes are the carriers of the West Nile Virus and other diseases.

The larvicides to be used have been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Control Board. The larvicides, Altosid®, Vectobac® and Agnique™, will be used to control mosquitoes in an early stage of their development, thus preventing them from growing into adult insects. "These chemicals are designed to eliminate mosquitoes in their larval stage of development, while providing optimum safety to humans, animals, and the environment," said Fred Ruscsek, the City Director of Public Health. The application of larvicides will be conducted by a licensed pesticide applicator on staff at the City Health Department.

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